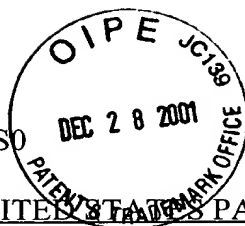


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4, without prejudice toward the further prosecution of this claim in a continuation and/or divisional application.

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows: